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AND RACIAL PREJUDICE, PARIS, MARCH 13-20,1978

1. CONFERENCE OPENED ON SCHEDULE WITH FIRST SESSION
TAKING PLACE 3:00 TO 6:00 P.M. MARCH 13.
2. AMBASSADOR Y. B. TURKSON, GHANAIAN AMBASSADOR TO
FRANCE AND PERMREP TO UNESCO, ELECTED PRESIDENT OF THE
CONFERENCE BY ACCLAMATION. AMBASSADOR SPOKE TO SUPPORT
OF TURKSON'S CANDIDACY.
3. IN HIS FIRST OFFICIAL ACTION, TURKSON MISUNDER-
STOOD THE DRILL, AND LIMITED THE VICE PRESIDENCIES TO
FOUR IN NUMBER. THESE WERE ALLOCATED BY THE REGIONS
TO: HAITI, BURMA, IRAQ, AND THE GDR. NORWAY WAS
ELECTED RAPPORTEUR. AFRICA, HAVING THE PRESIDENCY,
WAS NOT ASKED TO FURNISH A VICE PRESIDENT. THE
PLENARY WAS SUSPENDED FOR ONE HOUR TO PERMIT THE
REGIONS TO MEET PRIVATELY AND DECIDE ON THEIR CANDI-
DATES FOR THESE OFFICES.

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4. A DRAFTING AND NEGOTIATING GROUP WAS COMPOSED AS
FOLLOWS: CHAIRMAN, TURKSON (TO INSURE COORDINATION
WITH THE WORK OF THE PLENARY); MEMBERS: USA,
SWITZERLAND, USSR, UYGOSLAVIA, INDIA, INDONESIA, PERU,
MEXICO, NIGERIA, ZAIRE, ALGERIA, JORDAN. TERMS OF
REFERENCE WERE NOT SET AT THIS TIME, AND WILL HAVE TO
BE AT 6:00 P.M. LOCAL MARCH 14. DECISION WAS MADE

THAT DNG WOULD NOT MEET AT SAME TIME AT PLENARY.

5. NO OTHER COMMITTEES WERE PROPOSED AT TODAY'S SESSION.

6. AMBASSADOR TORRES CONDUCTED INITIAL BRIEFING SESSION FOR BROWN, HENKIN, NISHI AND SURENA, ALL OF WHOM ATTENDED PLENARY AND WESTERN GROUP MEETINGS. TORRES

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